

## CHILDREN SEE A VISION OF DEATH.

### Cable Car Wheels Rush Swiftly Upon H. A. Collins Before Their Eyes.

He Jumps for a Rear Platform,  
Misses and Falls Before  
the "Trailer."

Clutches a Brake Rod, Is Dragged  
Twenty-five Feet and Escapes  
with Few Bruises.

EMERGES WITH CIGAR LIGHTED.

Puffing Calmly, He Declares Himself Unhurt,  
Glad to Be Alive, and Rides  
Away on the Sunday  
School "Train."

When a Third Avenue open cable car, with a trailer in tow, was rushing past Thirtieth street on the down track at 1 o'clock yesterday, a middle-aged man, with a lighted cigar between his teeth, ran from the westerly curb and tried to leap upon the footboard of the forward car.

At that moment the attention of many persons on the crowded thoroughfare was riveted on the last car, which contained a negro or more of Sunday-school children. They were singing joyously.

Suddenly exclamations of horror were heard, as the man was seen to lose his grip, plunge sideways and disappear between the two cars. The singing of the children ceased. Most of them had seen the man fall to almost certain death. They sprang to their feet and rushed toward the rear of the car.

A MOMENT OF HORROR.

The other passengers on both cars started to their feet, and the voice of one woman as she screamed, "My God! he's killed!" was heard above the wild exclamations all around.

The conductor of the forward car, who was standing on the rear platform and had seen the man plunge downward between the cars, frantically pulled the bell cord and blew his whistle at the same time. Then, as several men, among them a policeman, ran out from the rear curbstone, the conductor was seen to lean far backward over the dashboard of his car and endeavor with outstretched hands to grasp an object which stuck up between the cars.

It was observed by the terror-stricken spectators that the man in falling had gripped the brake rod of the rear car. His body was partially under the car, and he was being dragged over the rough pavement in that position.

The unusual and hurried signals confused the gripman for a moment, but the exclamations of the passengers and the gesticulations of the operators on the sidewalk brought him to his senses and the cars were stopped. The man had been dragged fully twenty-five feet.

JUST MISSED DEATH.

Policeman Peter F. Meyer, of the Fifth Street Station, witnessed every detail of the accident. He, with several men, ran to the spot. They were astounded to see the luckless passenger coolly step over the entangling chains between the cars and, declining proffered assistance, walk toward the curb, beating the dust off his trousers. The lighted cigar was still clutched in his teeth, and his black derby hat had not fallen from his head.

"Are you hurt?" was Policeman Meyer's first question.

"No, I look as if I were hurt," was the reply. "I had a narrow escape, but I got out of the scrape lucky."

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street, with his two sons. He is a widower. Mr. Collins is a heavily built man, his figure indicating great strength. Beyond one or two bruises he was uninjured.

The incident served to draw attention to the fact that the Third Avenue Cable Company keeps no guard stationed on the front platform of trailers; furthermore, the dangerous opening between cars made up as "trains" is not protected by iron rails or gates, such as are used on the elevated roads. The use of such gates would prevent an accident such as that which happened yesterday and which may happen any day and result in death.

THEIR SUNDAY IN CAMP.

Boy Soldiers of Brooklyn Comforted Themselves Like Veterans at Woodbury, L. I.

Seventy boys, members of the Brooklyn Signal Corps and of the Thirtieth and Twenty-third regiments, spent their first Sunday in camp yesterday at Woodbury, L. I. Sergeant Charles D. Bethel, of Company E, Thirtieth Regiment, is in command, he having been elected Colonel, but he will be supplanted Wednesday by General S. W. Smith. The boys perform all of the duties incidental to camp life just the same as do the militiamen at



## H. A. COLLINS'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH UNDER A CABLE CAR.

He tried to jump on the first car, but missed it and went between it and the trailer. The children and other passengers were horrified, for it seemed that he could not escape. But Collins clung to a chain under the car, was dragged twenty-five feet, but escaped with his life. He was not badly hurt.

Peekskill, all the way from "Tattoo" to "Tape." Some of them made good attempts. When Little Fred Gottsch was on duty Saturday night, marching up and down his lonely beat, he discovered some one creeping through the fence. In a second he had the intruder collared, and brandishing aloft a huge sabre almost as long as himself he ordered the culprit to halt. Calling the corporal of the guard he soon had the offender in the guardhouse. The prisoner proved to be one of the biggest and oldest lads of the brigade, and Little Gottsch was called out of the ranks at inspection and complimented by his Colonel. The youngster is only fourteen and does not weigh more than eighty pounds.

Captain Robert H. Koeze, Signal Corps, was officer of the day, and Lieutenant E. Cortis officer of the guard. To-day the positions will be filled by Captain Edward Lettice, Thirtieth Regiment, and Lieutenant George Brouss.

Until Wednesday the drills will be in close order tactics, but the remainder of the week will be given to studying open-order formations. There will be few idle hours. The bill of fare is generous, and quite as sumptuous as is the case with regular or State troops. On rising the boys get a cup of coffee. Breakfast consists of mush and milk, lamb chops, beefsteaks, potatoes, bread, butter, milk and coffee. Dinner includes roast meat, vegetables, boiled ham, pudding and a glass or two of water to wash it down. Supper is more of a "pick-up" meal, the young soldiers sitting down to cold meat, stewed prunes, bread, cake and milk. They will be treated to ice cream to-day.

To show how lively an interest the residents of aristocratic Cedarhurst take in the youngsters, Messrs. Connolly and White, each a large land owner, have offered the use of their estates as parade grounds. The offers have been accepted. Major Elliott Bigelow, Jr., of the Brooklyn

Signal Corps, will instruct the boys in military signal drill to-day.

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World Famous Clown Will Appear to Help Junior Republic.

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## FRIGHTFUL FALL OF AN AERONAUT.

Charles Raymond Drops About  
Two Hundred Feet from  
a Parachute.

Thousands of Excursionists Watch  
His Body Whirl from the  
Dizzy Height.

MANY WOMEN FAINT IN THE PANIC.

He Is Picked Up, Unconscious, and Will  
Probably Die—Sudden End to Amuse-  
ments at Washington  
Park.

Woodbury, N. J., July 19.—At Washing-  
ton Park to-day there were about 40,000



excursionists from this place and surrounding towns. There were different amusements, among them a balloon ascension.

When Charles Raymond, who is known as the "Boy Aeronaut," stepped into his balloon, there was hardly standing room in the park. He ascended several hundred feet, when a gap was torn in his balloon.

The balloon was cut loose and the parachute floated eastward. Raymond amused the crowd for a time with acrobatic feats. All at once, when he was about 200 feet from the ground he lost his hold on the bar of the parachute and fell to the ground.

As his body was descending there was the greatest excitement in the park. Many women fainted, others screamed and became hysterical, and there was a small panic. When Raymond was picked up he was unconscious, and doctors were hastily summoned.

He was carried into one of the pavilions. There an examination was made. It was discovered that an arm was broken, a knee dislocated and that he had been badly injured internally. The doctors who attended him said he could not recover.

The festivities in the park for the time being were brought to a sudden termination and many left the place.

Leveling for Another Term.

Weldita, Kan., July 19.—Sedgewick County Populists formally launched ex-Governor Lewelling's gubernatorial boom yesterday in their delegation convention. An effort to secure an extra session was defeated.

Debate Bausch also made a report against a policeman from the Mercer Street Station, who, he claimed, threatened to arrest him as a suspicious character while he was attending to his duties as a walking delegate and the Central Union decided to prefer charges against the policeman.

The delegates of the International Bookbinders' Union reported that the strike for union conditions was still in progress at Braunsworth, Mass., and Barber's factory, Brooklyn. The firm can only get cigarette girls to replace the strikers.

LADIES' SHOEMAKERS' UNION.

Organization of Young Women Which Discusses the Trade Each Month.

Not among the weakest nor the least important of laboring organizations is the Ladies' Shoemakers' Union, which was founded a few months ago in this city by a body of young women who are employed to make supplies in the shoe line for the big wholesale and retail concerns of New York and the vicinity.

The object of the union is to regulate the price paid for labor on shoes. The members hold meetings the fourth Monday of each month, on the second floor of No. 147 West Thirty-second street. At these meetings the prospects of the season are discussed.

A constitution has been adopted, and Roberts' rules of order regulate the decorum of the assemblies. The officers are a president, secretary, treasurer and a committee of three members, the duty of which is to render opinions on questions of moment.

TAKEN HOME FOR BURIAL.

The Body of Edgar L. Fisher, the Suicide, Removed to Philadelphia.

The body of Edgar L. Fisher, the well-known sporting man who committed suicide at the Sturtevant House last Saturday, was yesterday removed to his former home, Philadelphia, for burial. Samuel Sloan, a friend of the deceased, paid all expenses. He had an order signed by Fisher's relatives for the delivery of all the dead man's effects, but this the Coroner declined to honor until he had been so instructed by law. He was not aware whether Fisher had left a will or to whom his property should go.

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## MR. VANDERBILT IS SLOWLY RECOVERING.

Bulletin Issued Last Night Re-  
ports His Condition as Much  
Improved.

Son of the Millionaire Says That  
the Family Now Feel Great-  
ly Encouraged.

CROWDS IN THE STREET.

The Younger Children Have Not Yet Re-  
turned to Newport—Prayer Offered for  
the Stricken Man's Recovery at  
Mission Services.

Cornelius Vanderbilt's condition continues  
to improve.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., the eldest son of the stricken millionaire, came out of the Fifth-seventh street entrance of the family mansion and went for a stroll in the Park. In answer to a question as to his father's condition, he said:

"Father is resting quietly to-day and his condition is such as to give the family much encouragement."

Cornelius Vanderbilt bears the traces of his own recent severe illness in his face and in his gait. He still walks with a stick and limps slightly. His face is pale, his cheeks hollow and he has a slight stoop as he walks.

The first bulletin from the physicians attending the elder Mr. Vanderbilt was issued at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. It said:

Mr. Vanderbilt passed a comfortable night. His condition is the same as last report.

JAMES MCLEANE, M. D.,  
WM. H. DRAPER, M. D.

Dr. Draper was seen shortly after the bulletin was issued. He declined to say anything beyond what was contained in the official statement.

Dr. McLeane slept at the Vanderbilt residence on Saturday night. He stopped to talk a moment as he revisited the mansion at 4 o'clock, and said in reply to an inquiry:

"Mr. Vanderbilt is getting on nicely. Dr. Deland and Dr. Janeway are out of town, but will return to-morrow. I slept at Mr. Vanderbilt's house last night. There is no noticeable change in his condition to-day. Alfred and Reginald, the two younger sons, have not yet returned to Newport. The cool weather is doing Mr. Vanderbilt much good."

In response to a question as to whether or not Mr. Vanderbilt might be removed to Newport within the course of two or three weeks, Dr. McLeane said: "I really can't say as to that. Improvement in a disease of this sort is slow."

The evening bulletin was issued shortly after a consultation of Drs. McLeane and Draper at 9:30 o'clock. It read as follows:

3:15 P. M.—Mr. Vanderbilt has passed a very comfortable day and his condition is better than at any time since his attack on Sunday. Dr. WILLIAM H. DRAPER.

Harry Payne Whitney called at the Vanderbilt mansion yesterday about noon. He reported substantially what Dr. McLeane and Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., had said—that Mr. Vanderbilt was resting comfortably, and that the cool weather gave him about 4 o'clock. Later in the afternoon, his betrothed, Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt, was evidently awaiting him, for in a few moments the two came out together, and they were seen to walk through the grounds. Mr. Vanderbilt was seen to walk through the grounds. Mr. Vanderbilt was seen to walk through the grounds.

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